

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 2, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

Such an adjustment for height differences with respect to the floor coverings being bridged requires the profiled covers to have the requisite flexural properties, which for instance timber building materials do not possess. In order to facilitate a height adjustment between two floor coverings using timber materials accordingly, without the necessity of using various profiled covers, ~~WO 03/04092 A1~~ WO 03/040492 A1 discloses a profiled cover with a compensating strip arranged on the low floor side. This compensating strip is provided with an undercut groove for attachment to the underside of the covering flange of the profiled cover. The purpose of the groove is to accommodate a projection of the underside of the covering flange parallel to the clamping extension of the profiled cover in a form-fitting manner. The primary disadvantage of this known device for bridging a difference in height between two floor surfaces is that the projection of the underside of the covering flange hinders the manufacture of the profiled cover and that it is virtually impossible to achieve a form-fitting joint between the

profiled cover and the compensating strip due to the unavoidable manufacturing tolerances resulting from the separate production of the profiled cover and the compensating strip. Moreover, the profiled cover can only be used without a compensating strip as a cover for an expansion joint between two level floor coverings if the projection on the underside of the covering flange is removed beforehand.